

# Missouri Doings

## TWO SUICIDES AT STURGEON.

Charles Burgess Swallows Lead and Stringer Drowns Himself.

Sturgeon, Mo., Aug. 25.—Charles Burgess, 32 years old, a well-known citizen, who lived one mile south of town, committed suicide at the Keith Hotel by taking an overdose of laudanum. He was a native of Mount Sterling, Ky. He was a brother of J. H. Lindsey, a prominent farmer, living near town.

The suicide left a letter, in which he said he wanted his effects disposed of.

The second suicide is supposed to be Daniel Flynn of Danversport, Ia. He was elected from a Warsaw train which arrived here at 10 o'clock Friday night. He tried to kill himself with arsenic in the depot, but was prevented by bystanders.

Later he escaped and, after breaking into the residence of J. M. Seymour and stealing a pair of scissors, tried to stab himself.

Some time after midnight he went about one mile east of Sturgeon and, after taking off all his clothes, drowned himself in a creek.

Coroner Parker of Columbia held an inquest Saturday afternoon. As none of his relatives are known his body was taken to Columbia and will be held for several days before being buried.

The suicide tried to jump off the train between Clark and this station, and told the conductor if he could secure a knife he would kill himself.

## DRANK POISON BY MISTAKE.

Mrs. Kropp Swallows Fatal Draught at Louisiana, Mo.

Louisiana, Mo., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Lillian Kropp, a young married woman of this city, drank carbolic acid by mistake Saturday day at her home and died in a few minutes, in spite of heroic efforts of three physicians, who were promptly summoned.

She has been taking medicines after meals, and after lunch put on her coat to go to bed. When called by her mother she said: "Wait until I take my medicine."

She went to a shelf, took a bottle and took a big swallow before she discovered her mistake. Several antidotes were administered, but she was unconscious before medical assistance arrived. She had been married less than a year.

## JUDGE RECONCILED COUPLE.

Dismissed Proceedings and Sent Them Home Together.

Nevada, Mo.: Judge Timmons last week gave evidence of the fact that some times the law fails, where good advice will prove effective.

Jess Ashley and his wife became separated. They still loved each other when they appeared in court Friday.

Ashley was being prosecuted for abandoning his wife, Judge Timmons left the bench after dismissing the proceedings and talked to the young people, urging them to return home together. The result was that the young people talked over their differences and patched them up. The scene was a most pathetic one.

## AGED MISSOURI LOVERS WED.

Joplin, Mo.: Peculiar circumstances are attached to the marriage of James N. Pendleton, aged 61, and Mrs. S. M. Tucker, aged 66, at Carl Junction Sunday. Over forty years ago, in an Eastern State, they were lovers, but became separated, and both were married. Mr. Pendleton came to Missouri and settled at Aurora, by present home. Mrs. Tucker and her husband also came West and located on a farm near Carl Junction. The two families lived within fifty miles of each other for over fifteen years without knowing it. Misfortune came to both of them, and a chance meeting on a train recently resulted in their marriage.

## FATAL FATAL TERMINATION.

Jackson, Mo.: Arthur Kinder, a farmer, died Sunday from injuries received in an encounter on Friday last with a distant relative named Absalom Kinder, also a farmer, who fractured his skull with a fence rail, when they met in a public road. He died without regaining consciousness. It was the result of an old grudge. Both men were prominent. Absalom Kinder is in jail.

## DEATH DUE TO AN ACCIDENT.

Monett, Mo.: P. J. Gibbons, a hard-worked merchant of Monett, was accidentally shot last week and died soon after. Frank Smith, a young man, had gone in the store to purchase some cartridges, and while loading his revolver he was discharged. The bullet struck the counter and, glancing, hit Mr. Gibbons behind the right groin. Gibbons leaves a widow and three small children.

## BURGARS ROB TRENTON STORE.

Troy, Mo.: The store of John Dowell at Trenton, Lincoln County, was burglarized about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Several hundred dollars worth of goods and ammunition and some cash were secured.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Butler, Mo.: The County Sunday School Association held its annual meeting here last week and a large crowd was in attendance. The Rev. Matt S. Hughes of Kansas City delivered the annual address.

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Montgomery City, Mo.: The Rev. R. S. Duncan here last week married 50 years old Saturday. Mr. Duncan is 72 years old and has been a minister in the Baptist Church more than 19 years. His friends held a reception at their home here.

## CONVICTED OF SWINDLING.

Columbia, Mo.: J. P. Quinn was found guilty Saturday and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary. Quinn was charged with swindling Boone County farmers with worthless checks.

## HEAVY FROST AT CHAMBERS.

Chambers, Mo.: A very heavy frost, the first of the season here, appeared Sunday morning. The corn crop on the higher grounds will suffer. Thousands of acres of Missouri River bottom lands which were planted after the June flood will be damaged considerably.

## FROST AT MARSHALL.

Marshall, Mo.: The first heavy frost and freeze came Sunday, too late to do material damage. Late corn is about cured.

## IS THERE NO DANGER?

Is there no danger that some corner will come forward with some "thing" under the "Hawthorne" and "Hawthorne" motto successful?

## NEGRO FIRES INTO CROWD.

One Killed and Several Wounded—Murderer Makes His Escape.

Sturgeon, Mo., Aug. 25.—A negro named Jim Hays, who was a member of the "Thetis" band, and wounded three others at a negro dance in this city Saturday night. The night before he had refused to pay the advance fee to the dance and was put out. Saturday night he took his revolver, went to the dance and while all was going merrily, began firing into the crowd. After he had discharged every load in his pistol and the smoke had cleared away it was found Jim Hays was dead, a colored girl named "Snow" Merrill, sister of the murderer, was shot through the stomach; Bonnie Phillips was shot through the eye and James Barker, a negro from Moberly, was shot through the arm. All of the wounded negroes will recover. The murderer escaped. He is reported to be well armed and will probably fight if overtaken.

## JURY FAILS TO AGREE.

Joplin Millionaire Is Held on Charge of Killing Miss Owner.

Joplin, Mo.: The jury in the inquest on the death of Gordon Allen, the Joplin millionaire, who was shot and killed by Mrs. Ayler near Prospect Friday night, has not been able to reach a verdict. The evidence is in four parts: an open verdict and two want one of justifiable homicide. From the evidence introduced Allen had made repeated threats that he would be wronged by Ayler and would kill him. It is alleged that he made similar threats about several prominent Joplin men with whom he had been dealing. It is believed that Allen became desperate over financial losses. Ayler, the slayer of Allen, whose father is a millionaire mine owner, is in jail.

## MISSOURI POSTMASTER IS SENTENCED.

St. Louis, Mo.: Forster A. Vise, Postmaster at Fair Deal, Mo., was Saturday sentenced by Judge Adams of the Federal Court to two years in the State Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000, on a charge of embezzling the amount of his fine from the Government. He had issued money orders to pay off his debts, expecting to be able to reimburse the Government. Post Office Inspector arrived to go over the books of the office before Vise had time to make good the orders thus issued and his arrest and conviction followed. Vise turned over all his property to the Government.

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Monroe City, Mo.: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pike celebrated their golden wedding Sunday with a big dinner. Seventy guests were present, including four generations of the family. They have ten living children, 53 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two of their children—James Pike of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. John Williams of Cripple Creek, Colo.—came home to attend the celebration.

## WHISKY BARREL EXPLODES.

Columbia, Mo.: Leslie Hickman of Slater was injured in a strange way Friday. He had bought an empty whisky barrel from a local drug store and took it home to fill it with cider. While he was boring a hole in the empty barrel with a red-hot poker it exploded with a report that was heard a mile. The top of the house was partly blown off and Hickman was wounded in the face and breast.

## WOMAN LAWYER IN SUPREME COURT.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The first woman lawyer to appear in the Supreme Court to argue a case is Miss Gracia Woodside of Salem, Dent County, who appeared Saturday in the case of Harrison vs. Young, representing the respondent. The case was dismissed for failure of the attorney for the appellant to file a brief, thus permitting Miss Woodside to win her case without an oral argument.

## GAINESVILLE CORN SHOW.

Gainesville, Mo.: The Farmers' Institute and Corn Show of Oark County was held Saturday at Gainesville. About 500 persons were in attendance. Fifty-five entries of corn were on exhibition. Col. G. W. Waters, a representative of the World's Fair Commission, and J. S. Prather and C. D. Lyon of Ohio, representative of the State Board of Agriculture, made addresses.

## SECOND JURY FAILS TO AGREE.

Kansas City, Mo.: The jury in the case of Dr. Louis Zorn, a dentist on trial for the murder of Albert Schriest, his tenant, failed to agree on a verdict and was discharged. The men quarreled over rent. In his dying statement Schriest said that Zorn had shot him without provocation. This was Zorn's second trial.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY TEACHERS.

Montgomery City, Mo.: The Montgomery County Teachers' Association met here with a full attendance. State Superintendent Carrington and Professor Greenwood of Kansas City delivered addresses.

## HEREFORD BREEDERS' SALE.

Salisbury, Mo.: The combination sale of Hereford by the Central Missouri Hereford Breeders' Association last week was largely attended. Forty-eight head were sold at an average of \$72.50 per head.

## NEW BANK FOR MONETT.

Monett, Mo.: At a meeting of the business men here last week preliminary plans were taken for the organization of a State bank. A committee of business men was appointed to solicit subscription for stock and the entire amount has been subscribed.

## MISSISSIPPI RECEDING AT LOUISIANA.

Louisiana, Mo.: The Mississippi is falling rapidly here and the water has receded from the overflowed land. If the land dries quickly wheat will be sown again.

## RUN OVER BY FREIGHT TRAIN.

Hannibal, Mo.: George Schreck, aged 17, of Sheridanville, Pa., was run over by a freight train on the Burlington south of Hannibal Saturday morning and both of his legs were cut off. There is no hope for his recovery.

## E. P. DRESSER A SUICIDE.

Platte City, Mo.: E. P. Dresser, a dry goods merchant, committed suicide at his home here last week. He had been sick with stomach trouble and became despondent. About four years since he came to Platte City from a low note.

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